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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OTRA, PDIP, PN, PPDC, NU
SUBJECT: SIGNING CEREMONY FOR PANAMA CANAL TREATIES

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1. CHARGE AND POLOFF CALLED ON FONMIN ALEJANDRO MONTIEL TO DELIVER LETTER OF INVITATION FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO PRESIDENT SOMOZA. MONTIEL SAID HE HAD SPOKEN WITH COL. PORRAS, SOMOZA'S MILITARY AIDE, IN MIAMI THIS MORNING AND LEARNED THAT DOCTORS HAVE PROHIBITED THE TRIP TO WASHINGTON (DEPT'S NICARAGUA DESK OFFICER HAD ALREADY CONVEYED THAT MESSAGE TO US BUT WE DID NOT SO INDICATE TO MINISTER.).

2. MINISTER SAID CON IS CONSIDERING THE SENDING OF CORNELIO HUECK, PRESIDENT OF CONGRESS, AS ITS DELEGATE TO SUBSTITUTE FOR PRESIDENT SOMOZA. THEY ARE ALSO DECIDING WHETHER OR NOT TO INCLUDE FONMIN MONTIEL AND AMBASSADOR TO U.S. GUILLERMO SEVILLA SACASA IN DELEGATION.

RHARGE MADE POINT THAT DELEGATION SHOULD BE SMALL AND THAT WIFE OF CHIEF OF DELEGATION SHOULD ACCOMPANY. MINISTER IMPLIED THEY WERE THINKING OF ONLY INCLUDING THE ABOVE THREE OFFICIALS.

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3. FYI: HUECK IS PROBABLY NUMBER TWO OR NUMBER THREE MAN IN NICARAGUA IN TERMS OF POLITICAL POWER. HE RULES CONGRESS AND EVERYTHING HE TOUCHES WITH AN IRON HAND. HE IS GENTLE AND GRANDFATHERLY (HE IS ABOUT 66 YEARS OLD) IN HIS APPROACH ON OCCASION BUT DOES NOT HESITATE TO GET DOWNRIGHT VICIOUS IF NEED BE. HE IS THE MOST CANTANKEROUS AND HARDEST CIVILIAN OF THE HARD-LINERS IN THE GOVERNMENT, IS FEARED AND RESPECTED BY MANY BUT UNLIKED BY MOST OF HIS RIVALS

AND HATED BY OTHERS.

4. SUGGESTED ACTION: DEPT. MAY WISH TO DROP HINT TO SEVILLA OR COL. PORRAS THAT FONMIN MONTIEL MIGHT BE THE MOST APPROPRIATE GON OFFICIAL TO ATTEND SIGNING. IF HIGHER LEVELS OF USG IS INTERESTED IN LISTENING TO FORCEFUL PRESENTATION OF GON POSITION ON HUMAN RIGHTS, RELATIONS WITH U.S., ETC., ETC., THEN HUECK UHOULD HEAD THE DELEGATION. IF DEPARTMENT HAS SUCH AN INTEREST, EMBASSY WOULD SUGGEST DEPARTMENT INDICATE PREFERENCE OF HAVING MONTIEL INCLUDED IN DELEGATION HEADED BY HUECK.
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